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TITLE: CORE ELEMENT FASTENING AND ASSEMBLY METHOD

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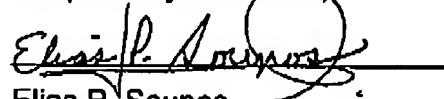
**REMARKS**

1. In the above mentioned Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121: Claims 15-18 drawn to a method classified in class 29, subclass 888.01, and claims 19-23 drawn to an apparatus classified in class 29, subclass 700.
2. Applicant elects claims 19-23 for further prosecution without traverse, and reserves the right to include claims 15-18 in a divisional application.
3. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication may advance the prosecution of the present application. Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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